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DEBATE AT DAVIS CROSS ROADS SCHOOL

Second Month.

Primary grade—Matthew Billups, Nettie Ward.
Fifth grade—Hattie Billups.
Sixth grade—William Brunson, Mary Esther McKnight.
Other grades not represented.
A very interesting program was rendered by the children of the Davis Cross Roads School, on the afternoon of October 29th.
The program consisted of recitations, debates, etc. The subject of the debate being: Resolved, "That a Man is Greater than a Woman."
Affirmative—Clifton Brunson, William Brunson. Negative: Hattie Billups and Mary Esther McKnight.
The judges after much consideration decided in favor of the negative.
The following is a copy of the debates:
Miss Valena McKnight, Teacher.
First Affirmative by Clifton Brunson
I think that man is greater than woman for a good many reasons:
First, history is composed, almost entirely of the achievements of man,

from the dawn of life down to the present day, the pages of history are filled with the lives of men who lead in all ages. He has dared to explore the wilds of hitherto untrodden lands, he has invaded the regions of unknown seas; penetrated the crust of the earth, and found there in valuable mines of gold, silver and other minerals, which have added unestimable help to the progress of the world.

Man has gone far into the universe above and planted everywhere imperishable monuments, as the constant result of his daring and glorious achievements.

Taking the power and speed of steam, he moves, the commerce of the world, seizing the lightning he has discovered electricity which conveys messages from land to land, and does other unheard of things.

Man has discovered mystic inventions which enables him to fly through the air, with the speed of the birds. His wonderful inventions and noble deeds have kindled the fire of advancement, which mounting higher and higher, now burns with a brightness that will illumine ages.

The spirit of man, at the beginning of every progressive movement, and is emblazoned on every land mark of civilization.

Had it not been for man the country we live in would not have been discovered, and but for his bravery and daring we would have been today, but the vassals of England. Such names as Washington, Jackson, Lincoln and Robert E. Lee, coupled with those of more recent date such as Pershing, Foch, Diaz etc., will ever be remembered in our hearts with a feeling of pride, as irresistible as the onward flow of the tidal waves.

When we think of all these wonderful men and their noble deeds—I know we will all agree that man is indeed the greater.

Clifton Brunson.

First Negative by Hattie Billups
Woman's life has mostly been kept in the shadow, as a maker of the home and the keeper of the fireside. Her greatest fame has hitherto been mightiest as the instructor and encourager, and patient help mate of those whom she has struggled to plant within their heart the principles and qualities, that are essential to achievement. Her life has been filled with raising and instructing the children of mankind and striving to plant within them, the seed that produce the genius, who accomplish the things that conduce to the world's advancement; and that is surely the greater glory.

The world cannot forget the mother of a famous man, because it knows that she, is the reason of his being great. No one can so inspire a man to noble purposes as a noble woman. Andrew Jackson the warrior and president, had his mightiest reinforcements in his plain wife, whose inartistic attire, was the amusement of the elegant circles, in which she was invited. Washington, who broke the chain that held America in foreign vassalage; wore for forty years a chain around his neck, holding the miniature likeness of her, who had been his greatest inspiration, whether among the snobs of Valley Forge, or

amid the honors of the presidential chair.

The opportunity has not come to woman as often as it has to man; still in every field of endeavor in which she has participated, she has been as famous as man.

Betsy Ross made the first flag of America, General Washington and his men cut six points to the stars, Betsy Ross had to show them their mistake, she cut five points instead of six for the stars. Pocahontas warned the early settlers that the Indians were going to raid on them, preventing, perhaps, the complete extinguishment of the first permanent English colony in America. She also saved their leader's life, Captain John Smith.

It seems to me that woman has done more for God and humanity in every way, than has man. Compare man's demise with that of women, such as Harriet Newell rendering a life time sacrifice for the redemption of her country. Joan of Arc leading her country to victory. Florence Nightingale the first war nurse and Queen Elizabeth who ranked among the shrewdest and important rulers in English history. The growth of Great Britain into a world power is due largely to the wisdom she exercised during her reign.

Hattie Billups.

I think a man is greater than a woman in every respect. From the beginning, God made man first, and he has been first and foremost ever since.

Go back to the beginning of history, and see what man has done for the world, and note how few women are mentioned in the pages of history.

Our beautiful country, would still be called the Sea of Darkness, had Columbus not discovered it. We would still have the primitive idea, that the earth was flat, and be afraid to venture too far to the edge, for fear we might fall off, had it not been for the perseverance of man, that proved the earth was round.

Look at the men, that have fought and fell on the bloody battlefields, defending our rights and liberties and has kept our flag to this day, pure and sacred, an emblem of right and justice.

All of our rulers, presidents, law-makers etc., are men. From George Washington, who is called the father of our country, down to our modern heroes and great men.

All of our explorers and inventors are men. Consider the inventions that are indispensable to our every day life our cars, machinery of every description, telephones, telegraphs, and all valuable inventions were discovered by man.

Man has indeed conquered the realms of the universe. He now travels by ways that civilization has never dreamed of before, he now pilots his plane through the misty air, and plows his ships through the dark sea.

Our greatest writers, poets etc., were men. Daniel Webster who gave us the wonderful dictionary, William Shakespeare the greatest play writer the world has ever produced, and Milton the wonderful blind poet.

Man has succeeded in every realm of industry and enterprise, since the

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